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SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL CONFERENCE IN BUCHAREST

REF: BUCHAREST 2168, STATE 081796

1. EMBASSY AGREES THAT PROPOSED CONFERENCE HAS MERIT AND RECOMMENDS USE OF FY-76 OR TRANSITION QUARTER FUNDS TO FINANCE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL OF AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS (CF. PARA 5(7), REFTEL A). PLEASE ADVISE ANY INFORMATION PLOSCARU MAY HAVE DEVELOPED RE ACCEPTANCES OF PARTICIPANTS ROMANIANS INTEND TO APPROACH (PARA 3, REFTEL B).

2. WE HOPE AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS FOR WHOM WE PROVIDE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION CAN CONTRIBUTE TO OUR GOALS OF (A) DEVELOPING PRIVATE EXCHANGES WITHOUT DEPARTMENT FINANCING, AND (B) DIVERSIFYING THE FIELDS AND STRUCTURE OF OUR EXCHANGES.

3. RE DEVELOPMENT PRIVATE EXCHANGES, WE NOTE SOME OF PARTICIPANTS ROMANIANS HAVE IN MIND HAVE ALREADY MADE SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS (E.G. VASILE BARSAN WITH CLUJ-MANKATO WREEMENT, EVIDENTLY ALREADY APPROVED BY MINED, AND KEITH HITCHENS WITH CLUJ-ILLINOIS AGREEMENT WHICH IS STILL PENDING FINAL MINED APPROVAL ACCORDING TO APRIL 5 LETTER FROM HIM TO PAO). WE HOPE OTHER AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS PREPARED TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT OF SIMILAR EXCHANGES.

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4. RE DIVERSIFICATION OF EXCHANGES, WE NOTE POSSIBLE PARTICIPANTS SUGGESTED BY PLOSCARU (PARA 3, REFTTEL B) ARE CONCENTRATED IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND HISTORY. WHILE WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THESE FIELDS AND INDEED ARE CONSTANTLY SEEKING TO EXPAND ACTIVITY IN THEM, WE WONDER IF AMERICAN SPECIALISTS IN OTHER FIELDS COULD BE INCLUDED (E.G. ECONOMICS, AGRICULTURE, MANAGEMENT, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, SPECIALIZED AREAS OF EDUCATION SUCH AS HOYT AND CHANDLER REPRESENT AND IN AREAS OF PRIORITY INTEREST TO ROMANIANS SUCH AS SOLOMON REPRESENTS). WE REALIZE THESE FIELDS DO NOT PROVIDE AS EASY BICENTENNIAL TIE-IN AS POLITICAL SCIENCE AND HISTORY. IN DEVELOPING EXCHANGES WE ALSO WISH TO STRESS AGAIN OUR GOAL OF REDUCING WEIGHT OF LONG-TERM ONES AND DEVELOPING MEANINGFUL SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS.

5. WITH ALL THIS IN MIND, WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE CONFERENCE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WITH MIRCEA MITRAN (MOST RECENTLY ON APRIL 27 AT THE MFA) AND VIRGIL CINDEA OF THE ROMANIA ASSOCIATION (ON APRIL 20). MITRAN INFORMED PAO APRIL 27 HE HAS STILL NOT OBTAINED DETAILED PROGRAM FOR AMERICANS FROM ROMANIAN ACADEMY (AS PROMISED IN APRIL 16 TALK DURING VISIT OF USIA DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR PHILIP W. ARNOLD). MITRAN EXPLAINED DIFFICULTIES OWING TO REORGANIZATION OF THE ROMANIAN ACADEMY (UNDERWAY SINCE LAST YEAR) AND NEED TO COORDINATE WITH ACADEMY OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, THE ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW AND RELATIONS (ADIRI) AND ROMANIAN ASSOCIATION.

6. WE WILL CONTINUE TO IMPRESS ON ROMANIAN INSTITUTIONS HERE OUR DESIRE FOR SPECIFIC DETAILS AMERICANS' PROGRAMS. WE FULLY EXPECT TWO DAY CONFERENCE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL, HOWEVER, MITRAN'S DESCRIPTION ACTIVITIES FOR AMERICANS IN ADDITION TO CONFERENCE SUGGEST PLANS FOR LARGE DOSE OF TOURISM, ALTHOUGH ROMANIANS PREPARED TO PROVIDE AMERICANS OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE THEIR OWN RESEARCH INTERESTS AND CONTACTS. WE, OF COURSE, ENCOURAGE THIS IN VIEW OF SCHOLARLY CREDENTIALS OF PARTICIPANTS ROMANIANS HAVE IN MIND AND FEEL IT PROVIDES SOME JUSTIFICATION FOR FUNDING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SINCE ROMANIANS WILL PAY INTERNAL COSTS.

7. WE VIEW CONFERENCE AS ONE OF OUR MAJOR BICENTENNIAL EVENTS, BUT FEEL WE SHOULD REMAIN FLEXIBLE BEFORE FINAL DECISION RE LEVEL OF FUNDING UNTIL WE ARE CLEAR EXTENT INVESTMENT YIELDS LONG  
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RANGE RETURNS WE SEEK IN EXCHANGES.

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